



## FACT SHEET U.S. Air Force Reserve

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### Concert Band

The 43-piece concert band is the largest and most versatile unit of the Band of the United States Air Force Reserve, with a varied repertoire that ranges from classical overtures through Sousa marches to Broadway show tunes, popular music, movie themes and patriotic favorites.

The concert band has performed at various locations throughout the United States and the world. The band has toured Russia twice in the last five years, making historic appearances in Moscow (1992) and St. Petersburg (1995). With the Southeastern United States as its primary touring area, the concert band frequently performs for packed houses in Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia.

The band has performed with such renowned guest artists as Bob Hope, Dinah Shore, B.J. Thomas, The Lettermen, Gary Morris, Lari White, Mila Mason, Crystal Gayle, Jonathan Pierce, Christ Church Choir, and Faith Hill. The band has performed under the direction of prominent band composers and conductors such as Dr. Alfred Reed, Paul Bierley, and Robert W. Smith. The concert band was also presented with the prestigious Colonel George S. Howard Award from the Sousa Foundation for outstanding military concert bands in 1994 and 1996.

The concert band is also very active in recording projects. Since 1996, they have recorded a very special Christmas radio broadcast that was aired worldwide on the Armed Services Network and other AM and FM stations throughout the United States. Later in 1998, they recorded a definitive Henry Fillmore recording with the guidance of one of Fillmore's musical peers, Mr. William Miller.

The members of the band are professional Air Force musicians working in support of Air Force and Air Force Reserve recruiting and community relations objectives.